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SUBJECT: ROC WHALING ACTIVITIES

REF: STATE 126794

1. IWC COMMISSIONER YONEZAWA WILL SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATIONS OF ROC WHALING VESSEL WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE CONCENTRATING EFFORT AROUND THE BONIN ISLANDS AND TO BE TAKING 40 WHALES PER TRIP. HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING IN ADDITION TO THAT REPORTED.

2. THOUGH JAPAN HAS ISSUED ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE TO COMPANIES AND FIRMS TO CEASE IMPORTING WHALE PRODUCTS FROM NON-MEMBER IWC COUNTRIES, STATISTICS EARLY IN 1978 MAY NOT REFLECT DECREASE IN IMPORTS. ACCORDING TO MR. YONEZAWA, THIS IS DUE TO FULFILLMENT OF CONTRACTS AGREED UPON PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE. JAPAN FISHERIES AGENCY IS NOW ASKING MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) TO DEVELOP REGULATIONS THAT WILL LEGALLY FORBID IMPORTS OF WHALE PRODUCTS FROM NON-MEMBER IWC COUNTRIES. YONEZAWA BELIEVES MITI WILL AGREE TO JFA DEMANDS, BUT IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME YET FOR GOVERNMENT TO
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ISSUE APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES. MITI MUST FIRST DETERMINE WHAT IMPACT THIS MIGHT HAVE ON OTHER TRADE ITEMS.

3. IN VIEW OF JAPANESE EFFORTS TO RESTRICT IMPORTS, MR. YONEZAWA IS OF VIEW THAT ROC WILL HAVE LIMITED MARKET FOR WHALE MEAT. INSTEAD OF EXPANDING WHALING OPERATIONS TO INDIAN OCEAN, ROC MAY BE FORCED TO RESTRICT OPERATIONS,

UNLESS ACCORDING TO YONEZAWA, EUROPEAN INTERESTS INCREASE
IMPORTS OF WHALE OIL PRODUCTS FROM ROC. MANSFIELD

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